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FOR ROBERT HALL

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SUBJECT: FEB. 3 COUNCIL MEETING REVIEWED PREPARATIONS FOR  
LABOR MINISTERIAL

REF: OECD PARIS 02833

1. SUMMARY - COUNCIL DISCUSSED DOCUMENTATION FOR LABOR MINISTERIAL ON FEB. 3. RE BIAC/TUAC CONSULTATION, VAN LENNEP REPORTED THAT SECRETARIAT HAD SENT TWO CONSULTATIVE BODIES ALL MINISTERIAL DOCUMENTS EXCEPT DRAFT COMMUNIQUE BUT INDICATED THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL. MSAC AT SPECIAL MARCH 3 SESSION WILL AGAIN REVIEW DRAFT COMMUNIQUE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT, AND MSAC DRAFTING GROUP WILL MEET 8:00PM MARCH 4 TO FINALIZE IT IN LIGHT OF STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS.  
END SUMMARY

2. COUNCIL MET FEB. 3 AND DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: AGENDA - MAS/MIN/A(76)1; PRESENT EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - MAS/MIN(76)1; FUTURE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS/ POLICIES - MAS/MIN(76)5; RECOMMENDATION ON A GENERAL EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER POLICY - MAS/MIN(76)6; AND COMMUNIQUE - MAS/MIN(76)7. SECGEN MADE CLEAR THAT WHILE DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN APPROVED BY MSAC, THEY ARE ISSUED UNDER HIS RESPONSIBILITY. SECRETARIAT IS STILL FREE TO EDIT THE DOCUMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE SECTIONS CONTAINING ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND WOULD SEEK TO ACCOMMODATE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY COUNCIL.

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3. THERE WAS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DELS FELT CONSTRAINED TO REPEAT POSITIONS ALREADY EXPLAINED AT LENGTH DURING PREVIOUS MSAC AND WP SESSIONS. E.G. TURKEY LAMENTED DOCUMENTS' TREATMENT OF MIGRATION ISSUE; ITALY INQUIRED ABOUT BIAC/TUAC CONSULTATIONS; DENMARK OPINED THAT LABMINS SHOULD DISCUSS ISSUES IN "BROADER CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC POLICY" AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SWEDEN STRESSED POINT THAT MINISTERS MUST HAVE FREEDOM TO MAKE CHANGES IN RECOMMENDATION. SEVERAL DELEGATES (NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, TURKEY) THOUGHT REFERENCE TO TRADE

PLEDGE IN PARA 10 OF COMMUNIQUE WAS CONFUSING, AND SECRETARIAT AGREED TO REVIEW AND "CLARIFY" THAT SECTION.

4. DISCORDANT NOTE WAS INTRODUCED BY SWISS DEL WHO CRI-

TICIZED "INCOMPLETENESS" OF MSAC PREPARATIONS AND INDICATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE RESERVATIONS REGARDING DRAFT RECOMMENDATION. HE QUOTED OECD RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH PROVIDE THAT "RECOMMENDATIONS....SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY, IF THEY CONSIDER IT OPPORTUNE, PROVIDE FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION". IF SWISS GOVERNMENT WERE BEING ASKED TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATION ONLY IF IT CONSIDERED IT "OPPORTUNE", SWISS DEL THOUGHT HIS MINISTER MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUBSCRIBE TO IT. IF PRESUMPTION THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATION WERE STRONGER, HE DID NOT THINK HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD AUTHORIZE HIM TO AGREE TO IT. SWISS SUGGESTED THAT LABMINS ABANDON RECOMMENDATION AND SETTLE FOR COMMUNIQUE AND MSAC UP-DATING OF 1964 RECOMMENDATION.

5. VAN LENNEP RESPONDED THAT DESPITE WORDING OF RULES

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OF PROCEDURE, PRACTICE HAD BEEN THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD  
SUBSCRIBE TO RECOMMENDATION ONLY IF THEY HAD STRONG  
INTENTION OF IMPLEMENTING IT. OTHERWISE, THE PROPER  
PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO ABSTAIN. THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR  
SWISS POSITION ON RECOMMENDATION.

6. AMBASSADOR TURNER CONGRATULATED MSAC, ITS SPECIAL  
WP AND SECRETARIAT ON QUALITY OF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTED

COMMUNIQUE WAS BEING REVIEWED AT HIGHEST LEVELS USG AND

MISSION WILL BE ADVISED SHORTLY OF US POSITION. DIS-  
CUSSION CONCLUDED WHEN COUNCIL NOTED SECGEN'S INTENTION

TO FORWARD DOCUMENTS (INCORPORATING ANY CHANGES SECRETA-  
RIAT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF COUNCIL DISCUS-  
SION) TO MINISTERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES -  
MANPOWER, SOCIAL AFFAIRS & EDUCATION DIRECTORATE HEAD  
GASS MADE FOLLOWING REPORT:

A. FRENCH LABMIN MICHEL DURAFOR WILL CHAIR MINIS-  
TERIAL ASSISTED BY THREE VICE-CHAIRMEN: CONSTANTIN  
LASKARIS (GREECE), ROBERT K. ANBRAS (CANADA) AND  
INGEMUND BENGTTSSON (SWEDEN);

B. THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CHAIRMAN  
FALCHI'S STATEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 3 OF MAS/MIN/A(76)1).  
THEREFORE ALL COMMENTS BY MINISTERS MUST RELATE TO  
AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6 (PRESENT PROBLEMS/FUTURE PROSPECTS);

C. APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR TOUR  
DE TABLE CONCERNING PRESENT PROBLEMS (AGENDA ITEM 5);  
D. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRMEN WILL INTRODUCE FOUR  
THEMES UNDER ITEM 6 (EMPLOYMENT CREATION, EQUITY, MIGRA-  
TION/MOBILITY/ADAPTATION, AND INCOME MAINTENANCE);  
E. SINCE OECD COUNCIL IS ONLY AUTHORIZED BODY TO  
ISSUE RECOMMENDATION, "PROCEDURAL PROBLEM" CAN BE RE-  
SOLVED BY CONVENING COUNCIL AFTERNOON OF MARCH 5 TO  
ISSUE RECOMMENDATION;  
F. MSAC DELEGATES WILL MEET MARCH 3 TO REVIEW COMMU-  
NIQUE. DRAFTING GROUP MEETS MARCH 4 TO FINALIZE SAME;  
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G. THERE WILL NOT BE CONSULTATIONS, SECGEN HAS FOR-  
WARDED DOCUMENTS TO BIAC/TUAC WHO ARE FREE TO COMMENT  
THEREON. GASS DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER SUCH COMMENTS  
WOULD BE INTRODUCED DURING MINISTERIAL.  
H. ILO, EFTA, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AND INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION WILL SEND OBSERVERS.  
(BLANCHARD WILL REPRESENT ILO);  
I. PRESS COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED SOON RE MINISTER-  
IAL AND SELECTION OF CHAIRMEN;  
J. SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION AND WILL  
INCLUDE A DINNER WHICH GOF WILL HOST.  
MISSION WILL ADVISE WASHINGTON OF FULL SCHEDULE AS SOON  
AS SECRETARIAT ISSUES SAME.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: US COMMENTS ON SECRETARIAT DRAFT  
COMMUNIQUE. WHILE SECRETARIAT DOES NOT ENVISAGE  
FURTHER PLENARY DISCUSSION OF THAT DOCUMENT PRIOR TO  
MARCH 3 MSAC MEETING, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PASS OUR  
COMMENTS TO SECRETARIAT FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THAT  
MEETING, PARTICULARLY IF WE WILL BE SEEKING MAJOR  
CHANGES.  
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